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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment and response is a result of the Interview dated February 12, 2007. The amendment adds limitations to the independent claims as suggested by the current Examiner of record. In order to clarify the record, new claims were rewritten as opposed to amending the old claims which have been canceled. As indicated in the interview summary record, and agreement was reached in accordance with the new claims.

The Examiner requested that the applicant amend the claims with the following language copied from the new claims of record, more particularly claims 41 and 52.

“a cap, said cap having an internally threaded central hub and at least two oil distribution channels, each oil distribution channel having an inlet and an outlet, each inlet positioned substantially over upper cup like member and said filter, each outlet positioned outside said upper cap like member and said filter, each oil distribution channel extending continuously downwardly and radially outwardly to distribute oil to said inside surface of said can like housing, said cap threadably connected to said can like housing to clamp said filter cartridge between said cap and said closed bottom.”

Also, please note that a declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 has been filed showing unusual recognition and commercial success of products in accordance with the present claims.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs to make an amendment to the record, please call the undersigned attorney of record.

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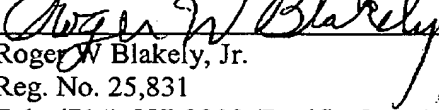
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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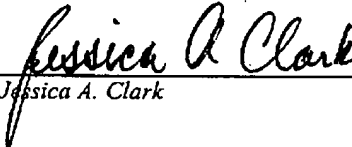
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